Mr. A. B. Salem.—And the casting vote makes the number 16.

President.—When votes are unequal, the casting vote does not come. And so, in this case, there are 15 against 14. We get 15 Members for the amendment. Mr. Salem and Mr. Ouseph with the official Members make 14.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—And with you, Sir, it is 15. Then, the number is equal, and then, the President has the casting vote, and that will make the number 16.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I am surprised, Sir. Why should the President vote at all? It should not be the practice of the President to vote like this. He should exercise it only in extreme cases.

Mr A. B. Salem.—This is a Government Bill, and the President is bound to vote.

President.—Anyhow, the amendment will be considered as carried.

Clause 4 as amended was voted for by the House.

The House rose for lunch, it being 2 p. m. It met again at 3 p. m.

Adjournment Motion for Purposes of Debate.

President.—The adjournment motion is not in order by reason of section 11 (a) read with Rule 34 (1) (a). Though the adjournment motion has been so worded as to give apparent prominence to the reticence of the Government in a particular matter, namely, the health of His Highness the Maharaja, the substantial matter intended to be raised by the discussion is the "health of His Highness", which discussion is forbidden by the provisions of the Council law referred to above. The mover of the adjournment motion seeks to make out a distinction between the main issue and the side issue involved therein, but to me it appears to be a distinction without a difference. This motion is, to all intents and purposes, to bring out the topic of His Highness' health under the discussion of the Council, and this I have to rule out in accordance with the provisions of the Council law.

The Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill.

We shall first proceed with the Cotton Industry (Statistics) Bill. The first consideration is about clause 5. Is there any amendment?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—In clause 5, line 3, I propose that, "each month" may be substituted by "half-year".

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I beg to second it.

The motion was put and adopted.

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